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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6091

BILL NUMBER: SB 66

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 25, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Jan 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Amend Definition of "Renewable Energy Resources".

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Wolkins

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill amends the definition of "renewable energy resources" to add: (1) low temperature, oxygen starved gasification of municipal solid waste; and (2) methane recovered from landfills for the production of electricity.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC):* This bill will increase administrative expenditures of the IURC by requiring the IURC to evaluate applications to determine eligibility for financial incentives. It is estimated that the IURC will be able implement this provision with its existing level of resources.

State and Local Government Utility Expenditures: This bill could increase expenditures by state and local governments for utilities. It is estimated that the amendment to the definition of renewable energy resources will increase the number of utilities that are eligible for the incentives provided for implementing that type of technology, and therefore allow more utilities to adjust rates and recover costs for such technology.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Utility Rate Increases:* To the extent that this bill increases utility rates, there could be an increase in Utility Receipts Tax (URT), Utility Services Use Tax (USUT), and Sales Tax collections. The amount of any increase is indeterminable and will ultimately depend on rate adjustments allowed by the IURC for cost recovery.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IURC; All.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

Information Sources:

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